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General visit

Maj. Gen. Dennis Haines, Air Combat Command director of logistics, looks over work being done on a 65th Transportation Squadron vehicle by Jean Paul Silva. Haines was the guest speaker at the 65th Logistics Group Professional Provider of the Year luncheon where he also presented the annual awards.

Local businesses visit to increase opportunities

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

More than 70 Portuguese vendors visited base March 27 to take part in a gathering of local businesses.

The meeting, held at the club, was intended to help Portuguese businesses gain a better understanding of how to do business on base and what services were required by the base's military units as well as family populations.

"The idea behind this is to foster increased economic opportunities for local vendors who have products we can purchase," said Col. Segundo Pereira, 65th Support Group Commander.

Pereira said that the event was open to the public in the afternoon so that people might see the more than dozen displays set up by some vendors.

"This isn't just for military units that might need to purchase items, but for anyone stationed here. There are a great deal of items right outside the gates that people have access to," he said.

The vendors themselves began the day with briefings by Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, the political affairs office and contracting who discussed procedures for doing business on base.

"The 65th Contracting Squadron has done a super job as has the Portuguese products working group," Pereira said.

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1998 telethon kicks off "For the Kids' Sake"



Today

- 65th CS 3-on-3 basketball tournament ends
- 65th Operations Support Squadron dance from 8 p.m. to midnight

Saturday

- 65th Civil Engineer Squadron car wash and bake sale
- 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron softball tournament

Sunday

- 629th AMSS softball tournament

Tuesday

- 65th Security Forces Squadron skate-a-thon begins at 3 p.m.

April 10

- 65th CS bowl-a-thon from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 11

- Organization for Latin Americans car wash and bake sale
- 65th Transportation Squadron pool tournament from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 13 - 15

- 65th Air Base Wing scavenger hunt

April 17

- 65th CS walk-a-thon from 1 to 4 p.m.

April 18

- 65th SFS flea market
- 65th Mission Support Squadron family bingo begins at 6 p.m.

**TEAM LAJES — PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST --
BOTH OUR VISITORS, AND OURSELVES**



Team Lajes...

Awards

65th Services Division

Senior NCO – **MSgt. Cheryl Kelley**; NCO – **SSgt. Raymond Portillo**; Airman – **SrA. Michelle Amos**; U.S. Civilian, category 2 – **Sherron Harrison**; U.S. Civilian, category 1 – **Susanne Welshans**; Local National Civilian, category 2 – **Frank Mouro**; Local National Civilian, category 1 – **Lucia Lima**; Non appropriated Funds Civilian, category 1 – **Irene Moore**; and NAF Civilian, category 2 – **Kim Yohnka**

629th Air Mobility Support Squadron

Senior NCO - **MSgt. Robert Pleasanton**; NCO - **SSgt. Steven Kish**; Airman - **SrA. Louis Landry III**; Portuguese Civilian, category 1 - **David Silva**; Portuguese Civilian, category 2 - **Rui Vasconcelos**; U.S. Civilian, category 1 - **Wendy Messner**; and U.S. Civilian, category 2 - **Stephen Maxwell**.

Promotions

The following people were promoted to the indicated ranks Wednesday

MSgt. Pamela Thomas and **SSgt. Joseph Read**, 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron

TSgt. Gordon Chambers, 65th Communications Squadron

SSgt. Patrick Kelly, 65th Support Group

The following airmen were promoted to the ranks indicated during March.

SrA. Alan Pleasant, 629th AMSS

SrA. Kathryn Anna Giguere and **A1C Ronald McElliott**, 65th Medical Group

A1C Timothy Schwartz, 65th CS

Births

A son, **Donovan Patrick**, was born to Capt. Roy and Charlene Longley Feb. 25 at Andrews AFB, Md.

Lajes Team Player



SSgt. Rene Vite

Unit - 65th Medical Operations Squadron, Dental Flight

DEROS - May 1999

How do you contribute to the Team

Lajes mission - By ensuring everyone is dentally qualified for world-wide duty.

Like least about Lajes - The hours for facilities on base such as the exchange and shoppette as well as some stores downtown.

Like most about Lajes - The natural surroundings and the sightseeing opportunities.

police blotter

The police blotters are true incidents affecting members of the Lajes community for the period March 24-30.

DAMAGE TO GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

March 26 — Beira Mar/secured. A member called security forces saying person(s) unknown attempted to break into his quarters by trying to pry the rear door open.

March 28 — Beira Mar/secured. A member called security forces saying person(s) unknown had damaged the storage shed behind his quarters. Damage to the shed consisted of scratches to the shaft of the door handle.

LARCENY

March 27 — Theft of government property/off-base/secured. Person(s) unknown stole a battery from a parked GOV.

March 30 — Theft of government property/on-base/secured. Person(s) unknown stole a floral arrangement from the main entrance of the club.

VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

March 25 — Major POV/POV/off-base/no injuries. A family member driving a POV was involved in a accident off-base. Damage to the POV was reported as disabling.

March 25 — Minor vehicle accident/off-base/no injuries. A family member was involved in a accident off-base while trying to make a right hand turn when a second vehicle, attempting to make a left hand turn, cut them off, causing the vehicle to strike a stone wall.

March 27 — Minor vehicle accident/POV-POV/off-base/no injuries. A member driving off base hit a car that had stopped, causing the vehicle to rear end another vehicle.

<u>Incident</u>	<u>March 24-30</u>	<u>98 CYTD</u>	<u>97 Total</u>
Assaults	0	2	14
Domestic assaults	0	1	4
Burglary	0	2	50
B&E/Sheds	0	5	32
B&E/Govt. Bldgs.	0	16	38
Larceny	2	30	148
Vehicle accidents	3	25	97
DUI	0	0	5
Vandalism	2	14	86

Sorties

March 23-29

ACC - 40
DOD - 19

AMC - 39
ALLIED - 6

DUI

Last DUI - Sept. 15
Days without a
DUI - 200

*The Next Strong Cajun is due
April 13*



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School positions

Lajes Elementary and High Schools are accepting applications for two secretarial positions. The elementary position will be available in June and the high school position will be available in May.

Information packets are available at both schools. Completed packages need to be received in the Italy personnel office by April 16. For more information, call Ext. 23491 or 24151.

Volunteers needed

The youth and community centers need volunteers to help set up and work the base-wide egg hunt for the children of the Lajes Community April 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are asked to sign up by April 7. For more information, call Ext. 23273. The egg hunt will take place at the elementary school grounds and people will have the opportunity to have their photo taken with the Easter Bunny.

Family ID cards

Children are not authorized to be issued a DD Form 1173, United States Identification and Privilege card until they have reached their

10th birthday. While the sponsor should try to get an ID card issued to their children right after their 10th birthday, there is a six month grace period before their eligibility will end. When an infant is enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, the Champus expiration/eligibility end date is 10 years, six months from date of birth, hence the grace period. For more information, call the military personnel flight, customer service section at Ext. 23259.

Self help move

The housing self help store has moved to Bldg. T-561. Hours are from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call Ext. 23794.

Boosters make stromboli

The 65th Civil Engineer Squadron Booster Club will be learning to make stromboli Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the base chapel. Call Ext. 28832 for reservations or more details.

UMD advisor

The University of Maryland academic advisor will be on the island April 22 through 24 to evaluate students. People interested in having their credits evaluated should call Ext. 24187 to schedule an appointment. The deadline for scheduling appointments is April 13.

Smoking cessation

There will be a smoking cessation class Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the community center. Call Ext. 23889 for more information.

Dental services disrupted

Family dental care during May and June will be limited due to permanent change of station moves and summer replacements. For more information, call Ext. 23139.

Computer classes

The following classes will be held as part of the base computer training schedule
 April 13 - Introduction to Windows 95
 April 14 - Beginning Microsoft Word
 April 15 - Beginning Microsoft Excel
 April 16 - Beginning Microsoft Powerpoint
 The classes are open to all military and civilian employees and are held from 8 a.m. to noon in the network learning center in Bldg. T-615. Seats are limited. For more information, call Ext. 26205.

Supply store closed

The 65th Supply Squadron Retail Sales Store will be closed from Monday through April 10 for inventory. The individual equipment and tool issue sections will remain open.

Tax tip

Complete W-4 for correct withholding

1st Lt. Dane McKenzie
Base tax advisor

If your 1997 refund is large and you want to have less tax withheld from your pay, you should get Form W-4, employees withholding allowance certificate, from the respective military or civilian pay office. Complete Form 4 claiming any additional allowances you are entitled to receive. If you owe a large amount of tax this year, you may need to complete the form claiming fewer allowances or asking for an additional amount to be withheld from your paycheck.

For more information on this or any other tax topic, call the legal center at Ext. 22420 or 22421.

Palace chase opportunities

The Air National Guard at Hayward, Calif., is accepting Palace Chase and Palace Front applications for all E-5s and below who are qualified or willing to cross-train into any of the following AFSCs - 2E1X1, satellite/wideband communication maintenance; 2E1X3, ground radio maintenance; 2E6X2, cable systems maintenance; 2E7X3, telephone/data circuitry maintenance; and 3M0X1, services. For more information, call MSgt. Ed Heinbaugh at 1-800-352-1881 or DSN 359-9082 Ext. 5622.

Grade pick up

Lajes Elementary and High Schools will be closed for a conference day April 16. High school teachers will be assembled in the school gym from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and from 12:30 to 2 p.m. to meet with parents. Parents are invited to meet with teachers and receive their child's grades. Conferences with teachers can also be scheduled at that time. For more information, call Ext. 21380.

DOD band

The DoD band "Inside Out" performs at the club Thursday and April 10, from 9 p.m. to midnight. The band will play for family night in the ballroom, April 11, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Tip of the Week

Courtesy - Lajes First Sergeant's Council

Like the new cardigan sweater? Nice isn't it? Remember; however, senior NCOs and officers wear the shoulder board rank and all others wear the metal chevrons.

Stay safe, stay happy, and most of all stay in standards. Remember, you represent us all.

Protestant schedule

Saturday — 6:18 p.m. -

Lutheran

Sunday — 9 a.m.

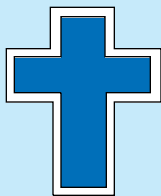
Evangelical service

Noon Gospel service

Catholic schedule

Saturday — 5 p.m. Mass

Sunday — 10:30 a.m. Mass



Thought for the Week

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You."

Isaiah 26:3



TRADE WINDS

Saturday

Lunch: Sukiyaki, Chinese 5-spice chicken, pasta primavera

Dinner: Grilled ham steak, szechwan beef, tuna-noodle casserole

Sunday

Lunch: Baked Italian sausage, grilled mock fillet steak, vegetarian pizza

Dinner: Pork chop suey, baked and fried chicken, ginger pepper steak

Monday

Lunch: Cajun meatloaf, iscas a Portuguesa chicken chow mein

Dinner: Stuffed green peppers, roast turkey, sausage peppers and onions

Tuesday

Lunch: Beef alcatra, spaghetti, pepperoni pizza

Dinner: Swedish meatballs, fried fish portions, gingered pork

Wednesday

Lunch: Sauerbraten, ervilhas a Portuguesa, jaegerschnitzel

Dinner: Barbecue beef cubes, chicken vega, pasta primavera

Thursday

Lunch: Tamale pizza, balcahau, cozinha velha, baked and fried chicken

Dinner: Lasagna, tempura fried fish, turkey enchiladas

April 10

Lunch: Lombo de porco, Italian meatloaf, vegetable chow mein

Dinner: El rancho stew, mustard dill baked fish, bean and cheese enchiladas

(Note: Menu subject to change without notice.

Daily hotline menu:

Ext. 24248.)

Call Ext. 22369

CLASSIFIEDS

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•• VEHICLES ••

- 1991 Plymouth Laser RS, 57,000 miles, 5,000 on new engine. Two-door, 5-speed manual transmission. Must sell PCSing to Japan, \$5,500 OBO. Call Ext. 26131 or 28042.

- 1994 Gilera Scooter, excellent reliable transportation around the island. 49CC, good condition, \$700 OBO. Call Ext. 23576 or 28027.

- 1991 black Hyundai Scoupe with 80,865 miles. Asking \$2,500 OBO. Call Ext. 23312 or 28379 after 5 p.m.

- 1997 Gilera Typhoon Scooter 49cc, excellent condition comes with two helmets, \$1,500. Call Ext. 23840 28781.

- 1987 Subaru hatchback, 67,000 miles, 5-speed, 4-wheel drive, runs well, body in good condition, inspection good until May 1999, available April 17, make an offer. Call Ext. 28523.

- 1994 Plymouth Colt, 35,000 miles, runs great, 4-door, automatic, AC, \$9,500 OBO. 1992 Yamaha Seca II motorcycle, \$2,000 OBO. Must sell due to PCS. Call Ext. 28774.

•• FREE PETS ••

- **FREE** to good home, 1 1/2 year old male mix breed dog. House trained, has all current shots. Has been neutered and is good with kids. Call Ext. 27985.

- **FREE** to a good home, 4 month old puppy. His shoots are up to date and he is neutered. Also he is potty trained and great with kids. If interested, call Ext. 28244.

•• MISCELLANEOUS ••

- KHS - 21 speed, mountain bike, 19" chromo frame, light weight, LX V-brakes and components, Rock Shox, team colors - \$600. Also GT- 21 speed mountain bike, 19" chromoly frame, blue, great for beginner. \$300. Call Ext. 28755.

- Graco double stroller, good condition, \$40 OBO; Little Tikes picnic table, nearly new, \$30 OBO; wooden toddler bed rail, \$5. Call Ext. 28955.

•• COTTAGES ••

- Cottage C-77, 2 bath, 2 bedroom and loft. New flash heater, electrical, and plumbing. Very roomy, huge built-in entertainment center, private parking, security lighting, low crime area, available in June, \$12,000 OBO. Call Ext. 28277.

- H-101 Santa Rita Hill. Single unit, well maintained; 2 large bedrooms, 1 bath, many windows with gorgeous views; separate dining room, lots of storage space; remodeled living room with view of base and ocean, stone fireplace; enormous yard with patio and built-in barbecue; off-street parking; dishwasher, ceiling fans, security system, and brand new flash heater included, \$13,500. Call Ext. 28500 or 26532.

- Cottage H-149. Four bedrooms, 1 bath, open spacious dining/living area with fireplace. Vaulted ceilings throughout, large kitchen island and lots of storage space. Large enclosed yard plus many extras, \$13,000. Call Ext. 28450.

- Cottage - H-157. Has 1,600 square feet, 4-bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, sunroom/playroom, separate utility room, detached garage, walk in closet, lots of storage, huge windows in living room and dining room overlooking fabulous view, large walled in yard, fireplace, ceiling fans, new floors and bathrooms. Includes carpets, some furniture, 3 dehumidifiers. \$20,000. Will owner finance. Call Bernie or Karen Ray at Ext. 27923 or 26741.

- Cottage, H-116 Santa Rita Hill, 3 bedroom, kitchen, family room, 1 bath, ceiling fans, storage shed, window shutters, brick fence-in yard. Asking \$5,000. Call Al Southerland at Ext. 26156 or 28113.

- Cottage H-207. Single unit, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, large stone fireplace, new windows, refurbished walls, security lighting, new plumbing and electrical. Asking \$12,000 OBO. Call John Hamilton at Ext. 28402.

- Cottage H-156 Santa Rita. Cozy family home, 4 bedroom, 1 bath, large kitchen and master bedroom, dining/living rooms with fireplace, 1500 square feet. Many renovations done already. Cemented basketball court, fenced-in yard. Includes two dehumidifiers, refrigerator and ceiling fan. Must see. Asking \$18,500. Call Ext. 26560 or 28911.

- Cottage H-119. Two or 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, living room, dining room, large utility room, fenced yard, drive way, ceiling fans, security lights, carpeting, new flash heater, dehumidifier and other indoor/outdoor extras, \$9,000. Call Ext. 28013.



Photo/Guido Melo

FOD walk

Dozens of members from around base take part in a FOD walk Wednesday morning. People involved in the effort collected an estimated 52 pounds of foreign objects during the 90 minute sweep of the flightline.

Vendors

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The group, made up largely of the commissary, exchange, medical group and services, has expanded Portuguese products from food to different areas ranging from flowers to lumber.

Vendors at the club represented companies specializing in everything from computers to pottery.

"This is a very good thing," said Carlos Armando, owner of Foto Iris in Praia and an exhibitor. "This is a little start but it will grow. Before we didn't have the opportunity to talk to people on base, now everyone is here and we think it will pay off."

Other companies didn't necessarily come for business, but rather to let people know they were out there.

"We've only been in business one year so we're small yet," said Christina Dias of Infor Vitoria, a computer store and the local internet service provider. "We don't carry large stocks so right now we are hoping mainly to get our name out."

For everyone, vendors and visitors alike, however, the show was a success and Pereira said there are plans to have similar events in the future and on a recurring basis.

Children's car seat carriers recalled

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of about 800,000 Evenflo On My Way infant car seats/carriers because of a defect that can cause serious injuries to children while the seats are being used as infant carriers.

Parents should continue using these rear-facing infant car seats, but should not use the carrying handle until new parts are installed to fix the problem, said NHTSA Administrator Ricardo Martinez, M.D.

Safety is our highest transportation priority. A child safety seat that is installed and used correctly is the most effective safety device available for young children in automobiles.

The recall involves On My Way infant car seat/carrier model numbers 207 and 492 manufactured from Dec. 15, 1995, to July 27, 1997. The model 492 is the On My Way Travel System, which includes a stroller. Model 207 is the car seat/carrier without the stroller. The manufacture date and model number are located on the bottom of the seat. Juvenile product, mass merchandise and major discount stores nationwide sold the car seats beginning in January 1996 for about \$60 to \$70, and the car seat with stroller for \$150 to \$175.

The red push button assembly on each side of the seat that is used to latch and adjust the

carrying handle can unexpectedly release and cause the seat to flip forward. There have been 176 reports in which the carrying handle latch unexpectedly released, resulting in 89 injuries to children, including bruises, concussions and skull fractures. The injuries occurred to both restrained and unrestrained children.

This is a serious problem that puts infants at risk, said CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. The latches on these car seat carriers can release without warning. Parents who have this car seat should call for the free repair kit immediately.

The recall results from a cooperative investigation conducted by NHTSA and the CPSC. Evenflo will provide a repair kit, free of charge, with redesigned latch buttons that will make the handle latch much stronger. The repair can be done in the home with a Phillips head screwdriver.

Until the seats are repaired, NHTSA and the CPSC advise owners not to carry a seat by its handle, but to use the hand holds at the head and foot of the seat.

Owners of these seats should call Evenflo at 1-800-203-2138 to give their name and address so that they can receive the repair kit.

Consumers with questions about this recall campaign may call NHTSA's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393.



action lines

The Action Line is your tool to help Team Lajes. However, before you call, try to resolve your issue through the appropriate agency. You may remain anonymous, but for a direct answer, please leave your name and phone number. Additionally, answers to anonymous inquiries will normally not be published. Use the following numbers to help solve problems through base agencies.

Family support	23122
AAFES manager	23209
Commissary	26124
Hospital	23615

Civil engineer	26113
Housing	26251
Chaplain	23411
CE customer service desk	23335
Security police	26114
Telephone service desk	119
Supply squadron	23832
TMO inbound	25168
TMO outbound	24213
Personnel flight	23612
Services	21322/
beeper	169-1174

Action Line 24240



Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, presents Heather Cabrera and her son Gabriel with a Lajes Youth Telethon t-shirt Monday. The Cabrera's developed this year's logo.

Oceanview looking up

I would like to give my compliments to the new management at the Oceanview Snack Bar. I went several months without going to this facility because of the poor food quality and cleanliness concerns. The new burgers that have been introduced taste great and the pizza is much better. Overall the food looks and tastes much better. The turn around is good quality service and quick. Keep it up and thanks for the change.

Thanks for the great reviews. Services has a new superstar, Susanne Welshans, manager of the Oceanview Snack Bar. Her introduction of the International Burgers seems to be the talk of the island. Services tells me that this is just the beginning for the Oceanview and to stand by for more good things on the horizon. Again, thanks for the great support and kind words for the Oceanview staff.

Outstanding service

If you want to see what

customer service is all about, pay MSgt. Bobby Vise, TSgt. Thomas Young or TSgt. Kenneth Davis a visit at the military personnel flight. During my recent retraining process, these individuals have reached out and extended personal service that is clearly above and beyond their normal duties. For example, TSgts. Davis and Young dropped everything they were working on and administered a test to me because of my upcoming short-notice TDY. As discouraging and frustrating as the retraining process is for me, they never gave up throughout the entire three month process. In addition when MSgt. Vise heard I was being involuntarily retrained, he insisted I visit him for further questions and con-

cerns. Weeks later, they followed up with the retraining and called me while I was off-island to inform me of the progress of the retraining package.

I realize these NCOs have other priorities and previously scheduled appointments. I also realize that they were extremely sincere with their service on every occasion despite the frustration and confusion I may have displayed. Their enduring dedication and professionalism are obvious to me. It's time their service before self attitude is acknowledged.

I'd like to add my thanks to our great military personnel flight. This is a great example of "Putting people first, both our visitors and ourselves."

Let's go shopping - with kids

Capt. Victor Baumgarten
Chief, social work services

Shopping with children, especially young children, can be a challenging and stressful experience. Sometimes children behave a little differently when in public, and may seem to be more outspoken, aggressive and demanding. Regardless of the challenges, it is important to spend time with our children in public and help them learn appropriate social behavior. So, here are some ideas that may make those times easier.

First, plan ahead. Avoid shopping when your child is tired or hungry. Explain your expectations for the activity. For example, before going into a store, you could say, "remember to stay close to me," and "use your quiet voice while inside." It may also be a good idea to choose a reward for good behavior such as stopping at the park or reading a story together when you get home.

There are several things you can do at the store. It's easy to make a game of shopping - who can see the bananas first, find a

box with an 'x' on it, etc. You can play "I spy..." or the alphabet game, seeing who can find a letter of the alphabet in the store first. You can also involve the child in shopping, letting them make some of the choices and putting some of the items in the cart. Be prepared to bargain and compromise. It's okay to let your child be part of some of the decision making. And remember to praise your child for their helpful and good behavior.

Regardless of how well

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Sports briefs

Aquaknights notes

- The Aquaknights of Atlantis will sponsor an Earth Day clean-up dive at Sao Mateus April 18. All proceeds will benefit the youth telethon. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 23327.

- The Aquaknights are sponsoring a camping trip April 24 to 26. For more information, call Ext. 23294 or 23327.

- There will be a general membership meeting Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Bowling special

A Spring Break Bowling Special at Hill-side Lanes will run from April 6 to 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. All youth bowlers can play for 25 cents per game.

Telethon softball

The 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron is sponsoring a softball tournament Saturday and Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. The tourney will be a double elimination format with trophies for first through third. There will also be a home run derby and a best arm competition. Games will also be available for the children. Everyone is welcome to attend for the Children's Sake '98.



Youth base/softball

- Sign ups are now being taken for youth baseball and softball at the youth center. Sign ups will continue through April 10 from noon to 5:30 p.m. Sign ups after April 10 will be charged a late fee.

- Coaches and officials are needed for the upcoming youth baseball and softball seasons. Interested people should call Ext. 23273 or stop by the youth center.

Bench press competition

The 629th Air Mobility Support Squadron is sponsoring a bench press competition in support of the Lajes Youth Telethon. The contest will be held April 23 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Chase Fitness Center. The entry fee is \$10 or a minimum of \$10 in pledges. There are male and female categories. For more information or to sign up, call TSgt. Kevin Skates at Ext. 23669.



3-on-3 Basketball tourney nets money for youth

SSgt. Rosaire Bushey
Editor

No refs, play to 15 on half a court and all the money goes to a good cause.

Probably not the way the NBA started out, but for six teams of three this week the rules were fine as the 65th Communications Squadron 3-on-3 basketball tournament set about with the task to find out not who could win, but how much money could be raised for the Lajes Youth Telethon.

Last year the event drew eight teams and raised about \$200 according to one of the event organizers, Ronald Pruden.

"This year we have six teams, but we'll still be able to make a good contribution to the youth program.

After preliminary play Wednesday, the opening matches of the double elimination contest began Thursday afternoon. In the first game the team of Scott Astrosky, Alonzo Ward and Hanif Winston took on Gary Kaczmarek, Kyle Carroll, Xavier Buckley and Daron Hampton.

In the tournament all shots count as one point except for those taken outside the normal 3-point boundary; those count as two. The team who makes the basket takes the ball.

According to Pruden, the players are very good about self-officiating but real officials are asked to volunteer for the final two games.

"If there is a dispute one of the event organizers will have the final say," Pruden said.



Photo/SrA. Sharon Hooper

Scott Astrosky, with the ball, makes his way past defender Xavier Buckley during the opening round of the 65th Communications Squadron's 3-on-3 basketball tournament to benefit the Lajes Youth Telethon. Although Buckley's team jumped out to a 6-2 lead in the half-court event, Astrosky's team rallied off 13 in a row to win 15-6.

"Everyone has agreed to that ahead of time."

Because of the rule, there is surprisingly little that is called and because of the point system, there isn't a lot of time to worry about it.

During the first match the Astrosky, Ward and Winston team, thought by the score-keeper of the game to be the favorite, was down 6-2 when the two-point shooting kicked in. Running off a hardly believable 13 points they won their opener 15-6.

"At least half of the teams here have a legitimate chance to win the tourney," Astrosky said after the game. "I certainly don't see us as the 'favorites'."



Chief of staff announces concepts for new officer assignment system

WASHINGTON (AFNS) — Ensuring the officer assignment system of today meets the needs of the Air Force into the next century, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael Ryan is implementing several new concepts into the system. The concepts were recommended by a 17-member review group.

The OAS review group was tasked by Ryan in December to review the system to ensure its principles and processes were valid for today's Air Force. Over the next 30-60 days, an implementation team comprised of officers from the field and assignment experts will be assembled to work out specific details of the concepts defining how the system will operate. The new system is expected to be fully implemented sometime in early 1999.

"I've accepted the recommendations from the group because they are valid improvements in the way the service selects officers for assignments," Ryan said. "I want to thank (retired) Gen. John Shaud and his 17-member team, made up of officers from the field, for examining the system from top to bottom. They took the time to offer recommendations which are not only best for the nation and Air Force, but ensure our officer corps' professional and personal growth. Now we'll work out the specific details and be ready to bring this on line in early 1999."

Highlights of the concepts and the results of the OAS survey taken over the holiday season have been placed on a "new OAS concepts" world wide web site launched Monday on the Air Force Personnel Center home page at <http://www.afpc.af.mil>. People may also visit the site by using the direct URL address of <http://www.afpc.af.mil/assignments/htdocs/>.

When he accepted the recommendations, Ryan laid out the philosophy behind the concepts and gave an outline of the key players making future assignments for officers.

"As survey results indicate - and the review group agrees - the current and future needs of the service must come first in making assignments reflecting our core values..." he said.

Changes officers will see when using the new OAS include:

- Their current commander playing an increased role in their next assignment.
- The elimination of specific 30-day job ads on the job advertisement system bulletin board. The bulletin board will be converted to a personnel requirements display listing assignment requirements Air Force-wide and highlight those assignments being worked to fill.

- Officers will no longer volunteer for specific jobs. Instead, they'll communicate their professional and personal desires for their next assignment using a preference worksheet routed through their commander to assignment officers. This will primarily be submitted electronically, but paper copies will be available for those without web or e-mail access.

"These new concepts are definite improvements over the current process which is primarily driven by an officer's desire to volunteer for a job when and where they want," Ryan said. "With these changes, the needs of the Air Force and officer professional development will always be addressed. It also ensures we put the right people in the right places at the right time."

Ryan acknowledged that officers may not always be selected for the types of assignments or locations they or their commanders may have indicated on the preference worksheet.

"Are people still going to have to go to remote locations and hard to fill assignments? Yes," he said. "However, all the key players in the assignment process will be educated on the current requirements at the time when an officer's assignment is being made. When they have to fill one of these assignments, they'll understand why they're the one selected to go."

Another improvement Ryan sees as benefiting both the Air Force and officer corps is the institution of the assignment preference worksheet as it relates to the new personnel requirements display.

"Officers are spending hours surfing the web looking or waiting for certain jobs to pop up on the board so they can volunteer for it," he said. "Now they'll be able to see all their career field and special duty requirements. At the same time, they can use a display which indicates projected assignments over the next six to nine months. Using this information, officers and commanders can jointly communicate to assignment teams at AFPC what type of assignment they believe would be best. In turn, assignment officers will stand ready to inform, recommend and educate officers regarding assignment options."

The next step is for the implementation team to define the details of the system and test it. They will present their findings for approval later this summer for implementation in early 1999. Once approved and before the system comes on line, briefing teams will be dispatched to visit major commands and selected bases across the Air Force to explain the system in detail.

Air Force Worldview

OSAN AIR BASE, South Korea (AFNS) — The body of a missing U.S. Air Force pilot assigned to the 51st Fighter Wing at Osan was identified as Capt. Keith A. Sands of Tulsa, Okla.

Sands was found by search and rescue teams in the Yellow Sea, about 60 nautical miles west of Osan, approximately 11 hours following the crash of his F-16 Fighting Falcon. The crash occurred at 8:52 p.m. March 25.

The crash occurred during a combat training mission. The aircraft was part of a four-plane formation that took off from Osan.

Accompanying aircraft remained on scene until search and rescue units arrived. Rescue units included U.S. HH-60 and special forces helicopters, AC-130, F-15E, and F-16 aircraft; and Republic of Korea HH-60 helicopter and naval vessels.

"It's with deep sorrow to report the loss of Captain Sands. He was part of Osan family," said Brig. Gen. Paul R. Dordal, 51st FW Commander. "Our hearts and prayers go out to his family, friends and loved ones for their loss."

The cause of the accident is unknown. A board of officers has been convened to investigate the cause. (Courtesy of Pacific Air Forces News Service)

Accident investigation board results released

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, Ill. (AFNS) — The Air Force recently released the accident investigation report regarding the cause of the C-141/German Tupolev 154 midair collision off the coast of Namibia, Africa, Sept 13.

The board concluded the German aircraft was flying at the wrong cruise altitude which caused the midair collision. The Germans' planned and actual altitudes were found to be contrary to International Civil Aviation Organization rules.

The board identified two primary contributing factors to the accident - the weak flight-following procedures of the air traffic control agency in Angola and the poor regional ground communications, including unreliable telecommunication lines, which accounted for Windhoek air traffic control agency in Namibia, not receiving the German aircraft flight plan.



Ed's off TDY this week so we bring you...the Best of Ed. If you have a questions about the island, its culture or events, call Ed at Ext. 23413 or email him your question at -
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Question - What is the name of the rock located off the coastal road on the way to Angra?

Ed says - The split rock or "Ilheu das Cabras" (goats' islet) as it is officially known to the Portuguese, is actually private property. It received this name because local farmers in Porto Judeu and other surrounding villages usually take their goats and sheep to the islet by boat for them to graze there.

The two small islets are actually part of an old volcano crater that is partially submerged. Nobody seems to know, however, how the rocks split, but this could have been caused by the maritime erosion or a cave-in.

As far as the history of the islets, there are circulating, unconfirmed stories that a German U-boat used to hide between the two rocks to escape from the allied navy ships and submarines during World War II.

Question - How did the cities of Praia da Vitoria and Angra do Heroismo get their names?

Ed says - These two cities were formerly called Praia and Angra respectively.

Praia means beach and Angra means bay. In the early 19th century, during the Portuguese Civil War between the liberals and absolutists, Praia supported the liberals. In 1829 the town heroically and successfully resisted an attack and attempted landing by an absolutist fleet of 21 ships with highly superior forces. It was this fact that added to the town's name the word "Vitoria" which means victory in 1837.

The city of Angra also took an active part in the struggles for the founding of the liberalism cause and became the seat of the liberal regency during the Civil War.

Because of the spirit of sacrifice and bravery demonstrated by its people during the struggles, Angra received from Queen Maria II, the title of "Heroismo" which means heroism, which was proposed by the great Portuguese writer Almeida Garrett who lived in exile in Terceira for some years.

Shopping *Continued on Page 4*

prepared you are, sometimes your child will misbehave. If their inappropriate behavior is not dangerous, destructive, annoying to others or truly embarrassing, try to ignore it. If the behavior is really a problem, take the child out of the store or to an unoccupied aisle, get down on their level - eye to eye, and calmly but firmly tell them their behavior is unacceptable. Then wait - saying nothing at all - for the child to calm down, and then ask if they are ready to try again. If the child will not calm down, go home and return later. If the shopping can't wait, find a sitter and return alone.

Sometimes it is not your child that is acting out at the store, but someone else's. You can usually tell when someone is getting upset with their children, and there are some things you can do to help. You can sympathize with the parent, letting them know that all children act out from time to time and that it is okay. You can strike up a conversation with the parent to give them a distraction and help them

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Question - On a visit to the military port in Praia, I noticed there is a small portion of wall at the very beginning of the breakwater. Who built it, how old is it and what was it used for?

Ed says - The wall you are referring to is actually the remains of the Forte of Espirito Santo (Holy Spirit Fort) which was built in 1581 by the order of Cipriao de Figueiredo who was acting as Governor of the Azores, serving the cause of Dom Antonio I of Portugal.

The fort, which played a very important role in the Aug. 11, 1829 battle in which the liberals won an important victory over the Miguelistas, is just one of the 10 military forts that surrounded Praia Bay at that time with the objective of serving as a maritime defense.

Currently, there still is one of these forts located on the other side of Praia Bay next to the new commercial port. It is called the "Fort of Santa Catarina." This fort was reconstructed some years ago in an effort to preserve it for future generations.

Question - Is it true that the Azorean islands are also known by other names? If so, why is that?

Ed says - All the nine Azorean islands are also commonly known by other names, including the names of some colors. These names are related with each island's environment, vegetation, climate, color of the houses, color of the ocean, subsoil's nature, history, etc. For example, Terceira is referred to as the lilac island due to the color of the hydrangeas that can be found along the roads.

The following is a list of the islands and their colors — Santa Maria, the gray island; Sao Miguel, the green island; Terceira, the lilac island and the Island of Jesus Christ; Graciosa, the white island; Sao Jorge, the brown island; Pico, the yellow island and the mountain island; Faial, the blue island; Flores, the pink island; and Corvo, the black island.

keep their frustration and anger in check. You can compliment or praise the parent or child by saying something like, "It's a lot of work shopping with a toddler, you're brave to try."

If you see a parent who has already reached the point of anger and you are concerned for the child's physical safety, alert the manager. Someone with authority may be able to communicate that the store is a safe place for children and that spanking is not allowed. If necessary, you can also contact the family advocacy office with your concerns. Avoid giving dirty looks or making snide remarks. Disapproval or anger on the part of a bystander may increase the parent's frustration and anger, making matters worse.

To learn about other ideas on how to be successful with children when shopping or in public, call the family advocacy outreach manager or the family advocacy nurse specialist at Ext. 25177. They are willing to work with you informally, and "off the record."



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NCO one step away from 12 Outstanding Airmen of 1997

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Editor

It's not the quote you would expect, but with a line like "...it feels good being a little old bug guy..." it's hard to resist.

And apparently it was hard for a selection board to resist the package of TSgt. Quinton Yoakum, 65th Civil Engineer Squadron NCOIC of the entomology shop. Yoakum was chosen as the top noncommissioned officer in Air Combat Command for 1997 - putting him one step away from possible selection as one of the Air Force's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year.

"I'm still kind of in shock," Yoakum said. "I didn't think it would continue after the wing level. At 8th Air Force you're talking about everyone who is nominated as a truly outstanding package - to win after 8th is fantastic."

Helping him to that win Yoakum cites the work of the people writing his package - including his supervisor, CMSgt. Joseph Kovach.

It's easy to write a package on a great performer, Kovach said. "Attitude is everything - 24-hours a day, seven days a week and 52 weeks a year, Keith has that attitude nonstop."

Kovach said Yoakum's work ethic was instrumental in not only his award success but in his day-to-day success as well. "With him it's 'can do, will do, have done' and obviously a lot of people, all the way to ACC have taken no-



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TSgt. Quinton Yoakum, NCOIC of entomology, looks through a training manual. Currently, all training manuals as well as chemical listings are in English and Portuguese.

tice of him," the chief said.

With the work that's been done in the base entomology shop it's not hard to figure out why so many board members at so many levels have stopped to take notice at Yoakum's accomplishments.

Among other things, the Department of Defense instituted a goal of a 50 percent re-

duction in the use of pesticides by the end of Fiscal Year 1999. At Lajes that goal was decimated three years early.

"We had cut our use by 65 percent in 1996," Yoakum said. "We've gone from being a base that's playing catch up in the field to a place where we're on the cutting edge."

The Bakersfield, Calif. native said that the



shop has ordered new pesticides, some synthetic, that have only been on the market two or three years, and is using them successfully, which is reducing the amount of chemicals the shop is using.

"Before the answer used to be to go out and spray whenever someone called with a pest problem," he said. "Now we've got some other options. Growth regulators and sex pheromones, help control the population and some do so without the need to spray. The result is a more efficient way of getting rid of the bugs while using less chemicals and increasing mission effectiveness."

The mission numbers are easy to calculate. Given that an area must be free of inhabitants for a minimum of two hours after spraying has occurred, a building with 25 residents could lose 100 work hours just to get rid of ants. With some of the new products, a unit is simply placed in the room and left to do its work. Which it does very effectively.

"Many of the new products will have an effective duration of up to 90 days," he said. The spraying method in some cases is good for only a month. When spraying is necessary, however, there are still better ways of doing that as well. "In the old days we'd just go spray, now we'll time it so one application does the job," he said.

But it's not all about going out around the base and squishing bugs. There are still training requirements to be met and office work that needs to be taken care of - just another facet of the job that has made board members take notice.

For the first time, according to Yoakum, his entire office of U.S. and Portuguese staff is DOD certified. Training manuals are translated into both English and Portuguese as are pesticide labels and other products.

"The work we've done internally has had a dramatic impact on how we do business," he said. "Now it's much easier to complete training requirements because of the translated texts."

For all the work done within the office and all the statistics obvious on the outside, however, there are other reasons Yoakum has been successful.

"I give God the glory and honor in all of this and I give my wife, Lisa, most of the credit," he said. "This isn't an individual award - it's an award that's partly because of missing her birthday; because of temporary duties or schools; missing an event of the kids; or working late. It's her award too, and I think she was more excited than I was when it was presented."

The presentation came March 27 when Col. Rod Gibson, 65th Air Base Wing Commander, Col. Segundo Pereira, 65th Support Group Commander, and others called Lisa Yoakum



to the support group office and told her of the award.

"They said they hadn't told my husband yet and when they told me I got teary," the elementary school registrar said. "I'm so proud of him. I can't say I'm surprised because he really loves his job and of course, as his wife, I think he's very deserving. He makes it very easy to be a

military spouse - when he's gone or when we can't spend the odd anniversary together he goes overboard to make up for it."

Maybe that's what did it - going overboard to make things happen. Maybe that's what the boards at the wing, 8th Air Force and ACC saw when they looked at a package from a little old bug guy from Lajes.



Movies

All show times are at 7 p.m. unless indicated. Movies are subject to change without notice. Call Ext. 23302 for information. (V= violence; S=sex; D=drug use; L=language)



Saturday

Blues Brothers 2000
PG-3 - 124 min

• No information available.

Sunday

Blues Brothers 2000
PG-3 - 124 min

• No information available.

Monday

Fallen
R (V•L) - 125 min

• Denzel Washington and Donald Sutherland. A detective thinks his trouble are over when a killer he helped convict is executed.

Tuesday

Great Expectations
R (L•S) - 111 min

• Ethan Hawke and Gyneth Paltrow. A modern version of Dicken's classic tale.

Wednesday

The Boxer
R (L•V) - 112 min

• Daniel Day-Lewis and Emily Watson. A once-promising fighter returns home after 13 years in a British prison.

Thursday

Great Expectations
R (L•S) - 111 min

• See Tuesday for details.

April 10

Scream II
R (L•V) - 120 min

• Neve Campbell and Courtney Cox. Two years later old friends are reunited and discover some secrets from the past are better left forgotten.

Theater Spring Break Special

The AAFES theater will have a spring break special Monday through April 10. People may purchase a matinee pass for \$6.50 which is good for all the following films which show at 1 p.m.

Monday - Anastasia - G

Tuesday - Star Kid - PG

Wednesday - Flubber - PG

Thursday - The Little Mermaid - G

April 10 - Spice World - PG

SATURDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Someone to Watch Over Me
0300 Ed McBain's 87th Precinct
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Puzzle Place
0730 Magic School Bus
0800 Brand Spanking New Doug
0830 Sylvester and Tweety
0900 AAAH! Real Monsters
0930 Bone Chillers
1000 New Explorers
1100 Hometown
1130 USAF European Report
1200 Headline News
1230 NBA basketball - L.A. Lakers at Cleveland

1530 Inside the PGA Tour
1600 WWF Superstars
1700 The Entertainers
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 Married With Children
1930 Everybody Loves Raymond
2000 Drew Carey
2030 The Nanny
2100 NASCAR Busch Series - Coca-Cola 300
2330 Headline News

SUNDAY

0000 The Entertainers
0100 Saturday Night Live
0230 Videolink
0300 Citizen X
0500 Headline News
0530 Hour of Power
0630 On Main Street
0700 Coral Ridge
0730 Christopher Closeup
0800 Gargoyles
0830 Shakespeare: Animated Theater
0900 Dr. Quinn: Medicine Woman
1000 Look Who's Talking
1200 Headline News
1230 Army Newswatch
1300 NHL Hockey - L.A. Kings at Washington
1600 JAG

1700 Hercules
1800 Headline News
1830 ESPNNews
1900 NBA basketball - L.A. Lakers at Detroit
2130 PGA Tour - Freeport/McDermott Classic
2330 NBA basketball - Chicago at Houston

MONDAY

0200 Computer Chronicles
0230 America's Black Forum
0300 Showtime at the Apollo
0400 Friday Night
0500 Meet the Press
0600 Headline News
0630 CNN/SI
0700 Sesame Street
0800 World of Richard Scary
0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital

1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 What a Mess
1530 The Mask
1600 Captain Planet
1630 Secret World of Alex Mack
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 AFN Evening News
1900 60 Minutes
2000 Ellen
2030 Frasier
2100 New York Undercover
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

TUESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Taking Care of Business
0300 French Silk
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggles Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Sports Illustrated for Kids
1530 All Dogs go to Heaven
1600 Beakman's World
1630 Saved by the Bell
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 AFN Evening News
1900 Sliders
2000 Cool Runnings
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

WEDNESDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 The Entertainers
0200 NBA basketball - N.Y. Knicks at Atlanta
0430 America's Funniest Videos
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Sesame Street Special
0830 Body Shaping
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Where..is Carmen Sandiego
1530 Happily Ever After
1600 Power Rangers ZEO
1630 Hidden Temple
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 AFN Evening News

1900 Sister, Sister
1930 Home Improvement
2000 Beverly Hills 90210
2100 Melrose Place
2200 Headlines News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

THURSDAY

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 Headline News
0130 Baseball - Teams TBA
0430 America's Funniest Videos
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Sesame Street
0800 Fraggles Rock
0830 Fitness Beach
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Animaniacs
1530 Goof Troop
1600 Eerie, Indiana
1630 Nick News
1700 Jeopardy
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 AFN Evening News
1900 Friends
1930 Seinfeld
2000 Just Shoot Me
2030 Boston Common
2100 ER
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Leno
2330 Late Show with Letterman

APRIL 10

0030 Showbiz Today
0100 headline News
0130 NHL hockey - Phoenix at Detroit
0430 America's Funniest Videos
0500 Headline News
0530 ABC World News Tonight
0600 CNN/SI
0630 NBC Nightly News
0700 Tale of Bunny Picnic
0800 Sesame Street Special
0830 Kiana Flex Appeal
0900 Oprah Winfrey
1000 Port Charles
1030 Guiding Light
1100 General Hospital
1200 Headline News
1230 Wheel Of Fortune
1300 Today
1500 Superman '96
1530 Taz Mania
1600 Global Guts
1630 Space Cases
1700 Jeopardy!
1730 ESPNNews
1800 Headline News/News 8
1830 AFN Evening News
1900 Nick Freno
1930 Simpsons
2000 Star Trek Deep Space Nine
2100 X-Files
2200 Headline News/News 8
2230 Tonight Show with Jay Leno
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